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OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

SESSIONS, IN UPPER LONG CANE CHURCH,

ABBEVILLE DISTRICT, S. C.,

NOVEMBER, 1850.

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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OF SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

FIRST SESSION.

UPPER LONG CANE CHURCH,
Abbeville District, 12 o'clock, M., Nov. 14, 1850.

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, at Upper Long Cane Church, Abbeville District, this day at 12 o'clock, M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. T. Buist, the last Moderator present, from 2d Tim. ii. 15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—A. W. Ross, Joseph Hillhouse, David Humphreys, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, D. M. Turner, J. F. Gibert, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, J. McKittrick, T. L. McBride, J. McLees, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, J. B. Hillhouse, W. B. Telford, R. H. Reid.

Ruling Elders.—J. E. Smith, Hopewell, (Keowee;) L. A. Baker, Goodhope; T. H. Russell, Anderson C. H.; J. W. Drennan, Midway; A. G. Campbell, Spartanburg C. H.; A. Stenhouse, Fairview; D. Leslie, Upper Long Cane; J. S. Reid, Lebanon; J. C. Matthews, Hopewell; A. Johnston, Little Mountain; N. Harris, Willington; D. Stoddard, New Harmony; A. Giles, Providence and Rocky River; James Lehman, Liberty Spring; John McClelland, Rock Church; John Donald, Greenville; Isaac Keller, Avaleigh, Smyrna, and Gilder's Creek.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—D. J. Auld, J. R. Gilland, W. Banks, J. R. Baird, A. W. Miller.

Ruling Elders.—Robert Wylie, Purity; R. H. Stringfellow, Fishing Creek and Cedar Shoals; James King, Catholic and Pleasant Grove; James Beatty, Mt. Olivet; A. N. Hineman, Concord.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—J. J. DuBose, M. D. Fraser.

Ruling Elder.—C. B. Douglass, Horeb and Aimwell.

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—G. Howe, D. D., J. B. Adger, B. M. Palmer, S. H. Hay, W. L. Hughes.

Ruling Elders.—R. S. Wright, 2d Church, Charleston; David Ardis, Beech Island.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—*Hugh Dickson, W. Carlile, P. H. Folker, S. B. Lewers, Z. L. Holmes, E. F. Hyde, C. B. Stewart.

Presbytery of Bethel.—Robert Walker, W. B. Davies, S. L. Watson, P. E. Bishop, J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, E. P. Palmer, W. T. Savage, J. L. R. Davies.

Presbytery of Harmony.—John Harrington, J. C. McFarland, A. Bui, S. S. Davis, D. D., W. Brearly, P. Pierson, T. R. English, J. L. Wilson, Joseph Brown, J. P. McPherson, W. M. Reid, E. Cater, D. McQueen, S. Donnelly, J. C. Coit, G. C. Gregg, D. Frierson, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Wilson, E. A. Chandler.

Presbytery of Charleston.—A. W. Leland, D. D., E. Palmer, J. Wallace, T. Smyth, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. L. Merrick, John Douglas, F. Jacobs, A. A. Porter, J. B. Dunwody, L. Girardeau.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

Presbytery of S. Carolina.—Mt. Zion, Nazareth, (Beaverdam,) Broadaway, Roberts, Carmel, Bethel, Nazareth, North Pacolet, Bethany, Friendship, Varennes, Mt. Tabor, Antioch, Duncan's Creek, Rocky Spring, Little River, Warrior's Creek, Greenville C. H., Bethesda, Richland, Pickens C. H., Laurens C. H., Mt. Calvary.

Presbytery of Bethel.—Bethel, Salem, Beersheba, Bullock's Creek, Shiloh, Unionville, Bethesda, Yorkville, Hopewell, Unity, Ebenezer, Fairforest, Cane Creek, Waxhaw, Six Mile, Lancasterville.

* This venerable father, whom the infirmities of age prevented from attending the business meetings of Synod, was permitted to mingle with his brethren, in the devotional services of the Sabbath.

Presbytery of Harmony.—Lebanon, Camden, Beaver Creek, Darlington, Bishopville, Mt. Zion, Midway, Hopewell, Salem, (Black River,) Pine Tree, Hephzibah, Sumterville, Concord, Cheraw, Brewington, Harmony, Indiantown, Winnsboro', Great Peedee, Little Peedee, Reedy Creek, Salem, (Little River,) Williamsburg.

Presbytery of Charleston.—1st. Church, Columbia; Glebe-street Church, Charleston; Walterboro', Boiling Springs, Hamburg, Graniteville, John's Island, Willton.

The roll being completed, Rev. J. B. Adger was chosen Moderator, and Rev. B. M. Palmer, temporary Clerk. Upon the Moderator's taking the Chair, the reading of the rules was, by motion, dispensed with. Synod then took recess for half an hour.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After recess, Synod met. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and printed copies of the same were distributed.

Rev. H. Reid of the Synod of Tennessee, Rev. E. Anderson of the Synod of Alabama, and Rev. Mr. Sloan of the Associate Reformed Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Excuses were received from such absentees from the last annual meeting as were now present, and from the Churches which were not then represented; which were severally sustained.

Rev. P. E. Bishop, James Moore, Elder from Bethesda Church, and Samuel McFall, Elder from Church at Pickens C. H., appeared in Synod and offered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

It being found necessary that Synod should come to some general understanding as to what classes of excuses should be sustained, whether offered by Ministers or by Church Sessions for absence, the whole subject was referred to a committee composed of one Minister and one Ruling Elder from each Presbytery, to bring in a minute which should be a guide hereafter in this matter. G. Howe, E. T. Buist, J. J. DuBose, and W. Banks, Ministers; and D. Ardis, C. B. Douglass, J. Moore, A. G. Campbell, Elders, were appointed this committee.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

On Bills and Overtures.—P. E. Bishop, W. Banks, M. D. Fra-

ser, W. L. Hughes, Ministers; and J. S. Reid, C. B. Douglass, Elders.

Judicial Committee.—D. J. Auld, E. T. Buist, S. H. Hay, Ministers; and J. E. Smith, R. H. Stringfellow, Elders.

Financial Committee.—J. R. Gilland, Minister; and A. Giles, D. Ardis, Elders.

On the Narrative.—J. J. DuBose, J. F. Gibert, Ministers; and R. S. Wright, Elder.

On Minutes of Assembly.—G. Howe, A. W. Miller, Ministers; and A. G. Campbell, Elder.

On Religious Exercises.—D. M. Turner, J. R. Baird, Ministers; and D. Leslie, Elder.

On Records of Presbytery of South Carolina.—W. Banks, S. H. Hay, Ministers; and R. Wylie, Elder.

On Records of Presbytery of Bethel.—W. H. Davis, M. D. Fraser, Ministers; and L. A. Baker, Elder.

On Records of Presbytery of Harmony.—J. R. Gilland, J. C. Williams, Ministers; and John Donald, Elder.

On Records of Presbytery of Charleston.—A. W. Ross, A. W. Miller, Ministers; and James Beatty, Elder.

A letter was received and read from the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Abbeville C. H., tendering the use of that Church to the Synod during its sessions: Wherefore it was

Resolved, That Synod thankfully acknowledge the courtesy thus extended; and the letter was put in the hands of the Committee on Religious Exercises, who subsequently reported preaching in this Church every night.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Leland, assigning reasons for absence from present sessions of Synod, which were sustained; and reporting as chairman of committee on the subject of a fund for the families of deceased Ministers; which item was put on the docket.

A letter was presented from Rev. S. K. Talmage, D. D. relative to the affairs of Oglethorpe University; which was also put on the docket.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported in part, that Rev. S. H. Hay would preach to-night in the Methodist Church, at Abbeville C. H., and Rev. W. Banks in Upper Long Cane Church to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock; which report was accepted.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 15, 1850, }
Half past 9 o'clock. }

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. Rev. E. P. Palmer, Rev. T. A. Hoyt, Samuel Spence, Elder from Beaver Creek Church, and M. Crawford, Elder from the associated Churches of Waxhaw, Six Mile, and Lancasterville, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Excuses were also rendered from the Churches of Winnsboro', Greenville C. H. and Columbia, for not being represented at the present sessions of Synod; which were sustained.

Rev. R. Chamberlain, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The letter of Rev. Dr. Talmage, in relation to Oglethorpe University, was taken up from the docket and read, and the Synod was put in possession of further information respecting the fiscal concerns of this Institution by its fiscal agent, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain. The whole subject was referred to a special committee, consisting of G. Howe, E. T. Buist, Ministers, with A. Giles, A. G. Campbell, and M. Crawford, Elders.

The Synodical Committee of Education presented their annual report, which was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of J. R. Gilland, R. H. Reid, Ministers, with A. N. Hineman, Elder.

The annual report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was presented and read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of J. L. Kennedy, W. L. Hughes, T. A. Hoyt, Ministers, with J. E. Smith and R. Wylie, Elders.

The committee on publishing the Minutes of Synod, presented the bill of the publisher for eighty-five dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod then receded from business to attend upon public worship: after which, business was resumed: when Mr. Samuel Spence presented, on behalf of the Beaver Creek Church, an appeal from a decision of Harmony Presbytery, dissolving the pastoral relation between Rev. S. Donnelly and the Beaver Creek Church, and granting a separate organization to the people of Liberty Hill; which was made the special order for this afternoon, at three o'clock.

Narratives were read from the different Presbyteries, and referred to the Committee on the Narrative. The statistical reports are as follows:

The Presbytery of South Carolina, report that they consist of 23 Ministers, and have under their care 43 Churches, 2 licentiates, and 2 candidates; that it has ordained W. B. Telford to the Gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Churches of Avaleigh, Smyrna, and Gilder's Creek.

The Presbytery of Bethel, report that they consist of 15 Ministers and 23 Churches, having received, according to the direction of the last Synod, the two Churches of Concord and Mt. Olivet.—They have under their care 7 candidates, and have received Rev. J. L. R. Davies from the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. Three of their Ministers are without charge, one of whom is superannuated, and living beyond our bounds—and of the other two, one is a teacher, and the other a colporteur of the Assembly's Board of Publication. Eight of their Ministers are pastors, and four are stated supplies. Five of our Churches are supplied with regular preaching only once in three weeks; two, once in four weeks; ten, once in two weeks; two, twice in three weeks; three, once every week; and one is vacant, having only occasional Presbyterial supplies.

The Presbytery of Harmony, report that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches; that they have ordained and installed A. E. Chandler pastor over the Church of Brewington; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. Donnelly and Beaver Creek Church; and that Rev. John McFarland departed this life in the month of May last.

The Presbytery of Charleston, report that they consist of 16 Ministers and 9 Churches, and have under their care 5 candidates; that they have ordained Lafayette Girardeau to the Gospel ministry, and installed him paster over the Wilton Church, which they have also received under their care.

James McLees, Elder from Roberts Church, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery reported, making some verbal criticisms, but recommending the approval of the book as far as written; which report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported in addition, that Rev. W. L. Hughes would preach to-night, and Rev. M. D. Fraser to-morrow morning.

Winnsboro' was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting of Synod; and the Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in November, 1851, at 11 o'clock, A. M. was fixed as the time.

Synod took recess for forty minutes.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'CLOCK, P. M.

After recess, Synod met. Nominations were made of persons to fill vacancies reported in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and Trustees of Oglethorpe University; and it was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to enter into the election.

The subject of a fund for the families of deceased Ministers, was taken up from the docket; whereupon, at his own request, Dr. Leland was discharged from the chairmanship of this committee, and Mr. T. C. Perrin appointed in his place. The committee thus constituted, was instructed to report at the next meeting of Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a Pastoral letter on the observance of the Sabbath, not being prepared to report, was continued with instructions to report next year.

The special order was taken up, to wit: The appeal of Mr. Spence, from the decision of Harmony Presbytery, in dissolving the Pastoral relation between Rev. S. Donnelly and Beaver Creek Church, and granting a separate organization to the people of Liberty Hill. After some discussion, the subject was referred to a committee consisting of E. T. Buist, D. J. Auld, W. Banks, J. J. DuBose, Ministers, with D. Leslie and J. S. Reid, Elders.

The committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery reported, recommending that they be approved; which was adopted.

Rev. W. T. Savage appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee to whom the letter of Rev. Dr. Talmage was referred, made their report; which was adopted, and made the second order of the day for to-morrow, immediately after the first order.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock, with a view to spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, Nov. 16, 1850,
Half past 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in singing and prayer. The minutes of yesterday's sessions were

read and approved. The first order of the day was taken up, to wit:—the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, which resulted as follows:—for the former, S. Donnelly, D. M. Turner, J. J. DuBose, S. H. Hay, ministers, with J. N. Whitner, E. R. Calhoun and T. C. Perrin, elders;

For the latter, S. Donnelly, W. H. Davis, E. Cater, D. McQueen, J. B. Adger, ministers, and G. T. Snowden, layman.

The committee on Records of Harmony Presbytery reported, recommending their approval; which was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Mr. Spence, offered the following report; which was adopted.

The committee on the case of Beaver Creek Church, after serious reflection, would recommend to the Synod that, as serious difficulties exist in this church which require immediate attention, the Moderator of Harmony Presbytery be directed to call a meeting, to be held at this church, to inquire into these difficulties, and adjust them at as early a day as practicable, and that this church be directed to attend by its commissioners.

Rev. Messrs. R. C. Grier, W. R. Hemphill, J. P. Pressly, D. D. and J. N. Young, of the Associate Reformed Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee on Religious Exercises completed their report, and submitted the following scheme; which was adopted.

Saturday-morning, a sermon	Rev. M. D. Fraser.
At the Stand, to coloured people,	" J. McLees.
Saturday-afternoon, sermon on Missions,	" B. M. Palmer.
At the Stand, to coloured people,	" E. P. Palmer.
Saturday-night,	" J. J. DuBose.
Sabbath-morning, sermon,	" J. B. Adger.
At the stand, to coloured people,	" S. S. Gaillard.
Communion Services—1st. Table,	" P. E. Bishop.
" " 2d. "	" G. Howe, D. D.
" " 3d. "	" D. J. Auld.
" " 4th "	" B. M. Palmer.
Sabbath-afternoon, sermon,	" G. Howe, D. D.
At the Stand, to coloured people,	" J. B. Adger.
Sabbath night, sermon,	" D. J. Auld.

The Glebe-st. Church, Charleston, offered by letter their excuse for non-representation at the present sessions of Synod, which was sustained.

The second order of the day was taken up, to wit, the Report on the affairs of Oglethorpe University, which was adopted and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. Dr. Talmage, President of Oglethorpe University, would report that they have had the various topics of the same under consideration, and have received verbally from the fiscal agent, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, a more full report of the state of the funds of that Institution, and especially of the Carolina endowment. They learn that the subscriptions to the Carolina Professorship, which are deemed good, amount to about $14,000, for which the subscribers have, for the most part, given their notes; that there has been paid over of this amount in cash, $3,412; of which $900 are on deposit in the Bank of Augusta, and the remainder invested in stocks and notes; and that between $500 and $1,000 of principal, not included in the above $14,000, has been paid out for current expenses. As it is the wish of the agent that action should be had on the subject of the University at as early an hour as possible, the committee would hasten their report, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod has learned with great satisfaction the continued prosperity of the Oglethorpe University, the success of the effort to raise for it the sum of $60,000, and the almost entire extinction of the debt which has hitherto rested upon it.

Resolved, That the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the College during the past year, in which a goodly number of the students have been made the hopeful subjects of divine grace, and the fact that six out of the eight constituting the graduating class are professors of religion, four of whom design entering the seminary as students of theology, are matters of devout thanksgiving to God.

Resolved, That the Synod urge upon the Board of Directors of the University to take immediate and energetic measures for the completion of the Carolina endowment, and that this institution be again commended to the prayers and liberality of our churches and people.

Resolved, That it is expedient at this meeting to elect a Professor for the chair of mathematics, now vacant, and that this election be made the order of the day for Monday morning at half past 10 o'clock.

The Election of Professor, in accordance with the fourth resolution, being made the order of the day for half past 10 o'clock on

Monday morning, Rev. J. L. Kennedy and Mr. S. B. Lyman were put in nomination as Candidates for that office.

The Committee on Finance reported the following assessment upon the Presbyteries to discharge the account rendered for the publication of Synodical Minutes.

Presbytery of South Carolina,		$23 37
Do	of Bethel,	17 31
Do	of Harmony,	23 37
Do	of Charleston,	20 94
		$85 00

This report was adopted.

The Committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Synodical Committee of Education, reported that they had examined the account of Mr. Law, Treasurer of the Education Committee of Synod, and find it carefully kept and properly vouched, and recommend that it be approved, and that the thanks of Synod be tendered to Mr. Law for the manner in which he has conducted this business. That they had examined the report of the standing committee of Education, and find from that report great grounds of encouragement and gratitude to God for the prosperous condition of this department of christian enterprise amongst us: and as there is a prospective increase in the number of beneficiaries, recommend that Synod exhort the churches under their care not to relax, but to double their diligence and their contributions in this department of christian liberality; and that the report of the standing committee be published in the appendix to the minutes. The above report was adopted, and the same committee of education was re-appointed for the ensuing year.

A letter was read from Mr. J. K. Douglass, of Camden, relative to a union between the Presbyteries of Charleston and of Charleston Union, which was put upon the docket.

On motion, Rev. J. J. DuBose was appointed to prepare a minute expressing thanks to Rev. R. Chamberlain for his services as agent of Oglethorpe University, and also sympathy with him in his present afflictions.

The annual report of the executive committee of Foreign Mis sions was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of M. D. Fraser, D. Humphreys, W. H. Davis, W. McWhorter, ministers, with N. Harris and S. Spence, elders.

Synod then receded from business to attend upon Public Worship, after which, came to order and took recess for half an hour.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 o'CLOCK, P. M.

After recess, Synod convened and listened to a discourse preached by appointment of Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions, by Rev. B. M. Palmer. At the close of which, Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, NOV. 18, 1850.
10 o'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and confirmed.

The Committee on the subject of Slavery, not being present with their report, was continued.

The letter of Mr. Douglass was taken up from the docket, and was referred to a committee of elders, consisting of S. Spence, W. L. T. Prince and M. Crawford, to confer with Mr. Douglass on the subject of the same.

The order of the day was taken up, to wit, the election of a Professor in the Oglethorpe University. The ballot being declared it was found that Rev. J. L. Kennedy was chosen unanimously to fill the chair of mathematics in this Institution. In connexion with this appointment, it was further resolved that, without wishing to take the control of this matter out of the hands of the Board of Trustees, Synod recommends Mr. J. R. Blake to them as a suitable agent to go forth in the bounds of this Synod to complete at once the endowment of the Professorship.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Carolina reported, recommending their approval; which was adopted.

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly, offered the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on the minutes of the Assembly, would report that they find little in these minutes requiring the attention of this body,

but would direct the attention of the stated clerks of Presbyteries, and the clerks of Sessions to the change in the form of Congregational and Presbyterial reports, which is found on page 463.

They would also recommend that the resolution found on page 475, on education for the ministry, appointing the last Thursday in February as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on young men; and that respecting travelling on the Sabbath, found on page 482, be reaffirmed by this Synod.

Rev. J. J. DuBose, who had been appointed to bring in a minute expressing thanks to Rev. R. Chamberlain for his services as agent of Oglethorpe University, and also sympathy with him in his present afflictions, submitted the following, which was adopted:

The Synod of South Carolina has learned with sorrow that serious bodily affliction has prevented our respected brother, the Rev. R. Chamberlain, from continuing his attendance upon the sessions of this body. The members of this Synod desire to express not only their sincere sympathy in his affliction, but to record their high appreciation of the services he has rendered. Few, we fear, could be found who would so cheerfully make such sacrifices of time and health to promote a work so laborious and self-denying. The Synod of South Carolina, and especially the University of Oglethorpe, in which we, as a Synod, are interested, owe to brother Chamberlain a debt of gratitude for his faithful and efficient services, which we cannot hope to repay; but we beg that he will carry with him the affectionate sympathies of the members of this Synod, the assurance of their unabated confidence, of their prayers for his restoration to health, and their earnest hope that he may ever enjoy that grace, mercy and peace which a covenant-keeping God has promised to his faithful servants.

Rev. T. R. English was appointed to preach on the subject of Foreign Missions at the next meeting of Synod, with Rev. P. E. Bishop as his alternate.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee would recommend that the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary be adopted and printed with the minutes of Synod. Your committee find in the fourth item accompanied with Dr. Jones' resignation of his professorship in that Institution, that the Board thought Synod the only body competent to accept the same. The committee would therefore recommend the

acceptance of Dr. Jones' resignation, with an expression of regret that he should have felt constrained to withdraw from a field in which he was likely to be so eminently useful. In regard to filling the vacancy thus occasioned, this Synod must await the action of the Synod of Georgia.

The committee on the subject of excuses for absence offered their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: The committee to whom was referred the subject of the absence of so large a portion of our ministers and of the delegates of sessions from the meetings of Synod, are able to suggest no better method than the one now adopted, of calling upon them to state their reasons in justification, to be judged of by the brethren in open Synod. There are no principles to be laid down in the premises, which are not involved in the fact that both teaching and ruling elders are ordained to rule in the house of God, and that they cannot be delinquent in this duty but in violation of their ordination vows. It must depend upon the habitual faithfulness of Synod, whether a more punctual attendance of its members shall be secured, or not. The only other method which has suggested itself to their minds is that the judicial committee, or some committee raised for this purpose, should hear the excuses of delinquent members and sessions in the first instance, and report the same to Synod, with the recommendation to sustain, or not sustain, according to their best judgment. The same committee might be empowered to write to members who have been absent for two successive meetings of Synod, reminding them that Synod expects their attendance on its sessions, (when not detained by the manifest Providence of God) as recognized by their ordination vows and their office as rulers in the church. They might also send down from each meeting of Synod, to sessions not represented and not rendering their excuse, a similar notice; and blanks for this purpose might be prepared by the Stated Clerk, to be submitted to the stated meeting of Synod for its approval. The committee, at present, however, can come to no further decision on this subject, than to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to compile, from the past minutes of Synod all its standing rules, including especially the paper adopted in 1848 on delinquent churches and sessions, and have the same printed in the appendix to the minutes of this and all subsequent meetings of Synod; and that the last mentioned paper be sent as a circular to each minister and church which has failed to attend at the present sessions of this body.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Moderator be empowered to call a meeting of Synod, if, in his discretion, it should be deemed important, on the condition that an election should be had by the Synod of Georgia of a Professor to fill the vacant chair in the Theological Seminary.

The committee on the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions submitted their report as follows, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the executive committee of Foreign Missions, report that they have carefully examined the same, and would respectfully recommend—

1st. That the part which relates to the Treasurer's report be recommitted for the purpose of being corrected, so that the amount which each church in each Presbytery has contributed may be seen in the report.

2d. That all our churches which contribute to this cause be requested to send their funds to Mr. James Adger, our Treasurer, in Charleston; and that the Treasurers of Presbyteries be requested, in transmitting funds to our Treasurer, to be particular in specifying the exact amount given by each church.

3d. That for the ensuing year the same executive committee of Foreign Missions be continued, and that Messrs. J. M. Caldwell and W. C. Dukes be the committee of audits.

4th. That the report, when corrected, be published in the appendix to the minutes, and that the clerk be requested to furnish copies of it to the Editors of the Watchman & Observer and of the Southern Presbyterian, for publication in their respective papers.

The committee finally report that the Treasurer's account has been regularly audited and appears to be properly vouched.

The committee on the Narrative presented the following, which was adopted:

NARRATIVE.

The Synod of South Carolina, in preparing their narrative of the State of religion within their bounds, would devoutly and gratefully acknowledge their obligations to the great Head of the church for the mercies of the past year. Among these mercies we record with gratitude the fact that while God has sent among us many young and fresh laborers in the ministry, he has still spared to us all our number, even the aged and venerable fathers, except one to whose counsels we have long listened. We have abundant reason for gratitude, too, for that harmony, fraternal love, and soundness in doctrine, which pervade our body. Their duty as teachers we believe has been faithfully and zealously discharged by our members; but we regret to be obliged to state that their duty as rulers has not been

so faithfully discharged; many of our brethren, both ministers and ruling elders, permit too trivial causes to keep them away from our stated meetings; yet we have reason to hope, from the spirit manifested during this session, that we shall not have cause to complain of want of faithfulness on this point. Our churches are becoming more generally supplied with pastors; and the unpresbyterian practice of stated supplies is falling more and more into disesteem. There is, too, an increasing disposition in our churches to extend a more liberal support to the ministry. But still, on this point, our churches fall sadly short of their duty, and too often by misplaced parsimony force their minister to spend five days of the week in secular labor, when by a small sacrifice they could give him an ample support. Many of our churches have yet to make the calculation of the value to them of five-sevenths of their ministers' time, occupied in exhausting secular labor; when that time and those exhausted energies might, with so little sacrifice on their part, be devoted to study and pastoral labors for the benefit of the church.

Two of our Presbyteries report cheering revivals of religion within their bounds; one, a gradual accession of members; and only one reports no greater numerical increase than will fill up the vacancies occasioned by death and removals. One Presbytery reports the prevalence of Sabbath travelling, to some extent, by members of the church; this we deeply deplore, and hope that church sessions will promptly bring the discipline of the church to bear on such offences.

The duties of family prayer and of catechetical instruction we have reason to hope are beginning to press with greater force upon the consciences of our church members, and are now more faithfully discharged: yet these solemn and important duties are by no means so generally and faithfully discharged among us as was done by our fathers. Sabbath-schools and Bible classes, we are happy to state, are in successful operation in most of our churches, and while we heartily approve of these as helps to parents in training up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, yet they should by no means be considered by parents as taking the place of catechetical and doctrinal instruction at home.

We are happy, too, to report an increasing interest in behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions and church extension. The deeply interesting work of circulating the books of our Board by means of colporteurs is successfully prosecuted by all of our Presbyteries, and we have reason to believe is doing good within our bounds.

There is manifestly an increasing interest in behalf of our religious

education. Besides our Theological Seminary and Oglethorpe University, under the joint control of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, we have within our bounds several schools of high order, which are strictly Presbyterian in their character. Among them we rejoice to recognize the High Schools, male and female, at Greenwood in Abbeville district, under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Lastly, we would notice the cheering fact, so little known, or so little appreciated by those opposed to that scriptural institution of slavery, that nearly all of our ministers devote half of their time on the Sabbath to preaching to the negroes of their congregation separate from the whites, besides the services in which both classes participate. Catechetical instruction is also imparted by many pastors. We hail with pleasure the fact, that during the past year, a commodious church has been dedicated in the city of Charleston, under the care of Rev. J. B. Adger, intended especially for the negroes of that city. We deeply deprecate the crusade against the institution of slavery, and the hindrance thrown in our way, in the proper religious instruction of our negroes, by fanatical and ignorant intermeddlers. Our slaves are contented, nay happy, in their position, and rejoice in the religious instruction they receive. Indeed, they aid joyfully in forwarding the benevolent operations of the day; as an evidence of which, we mention the fact, that brother Adger's congregation of negroes, have given this year sixty-eight dollars, for Foreign Missions. In reviewing the past year, we find much to deplore, yet abundant causes for gratitude; and with mingled feelings of penitence and joy, we submit our narrative.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to this congregation for their attention to all the wants of this Synod, and for the uniform kindness and hospitality with which we have been received in the several families in which we have been entertained: and further resolved, That Rev. D. M. Turner be requested to communicate the same to the congregation.

The Minutes being read and confirmed, the Synod was adjourned with singing and prayer, and the apostolic benediction, to meet in the town of Winnsboro, at the Presbyterian Church, on the Thursday before the second Sabbath of Nov. 1851, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. B. ADGER, *Moderator.*

B. M. PALMER, *S. T. C.*

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA, HELD IN COLUMBIA, S. C. JANUARY 8TH, 1851.

FIRST SESSION.

COLUMBIA, S. C., JANUARY 8, 1851.
WEDNESDAY, 11 o'CLOCK, A. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met, by a call of the Moderator, in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C., Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1851, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. B. Adger, Moderator, from 1 Peter, i: 8, "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Constituted with prayer.

Upon calling the roll, thirty members were found to be in attendance, as follows:

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—D. M. Turner, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, W. B. Telford.

Ruling Elders.—James Cowen, Greenville; J. A. Mars, Aveleigh, Smyrna and Gilder's Creek.

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—W. Banks, J. R. Baird, E. P. Palmer, A. W. Miller.

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—J. J. DuBose, M. D. Fraser, S. Donnelly, T. A. Hoyt.

Ruling Elders.—William Harris, Salem, (Black River;) A. W. Young, Winnsboro; C. B. Douglass, Horeb and Aimwell; J. K. Douglass, Camden.

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—A. W. Leland, D. D., G. Howe, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. B. Adger, F. Jacobs, S. H. Hay, B. M. Palmer, A. A. Porter, L. Girardeau.

Ruling Elders.—William Adger, 2d Church, Charleston; G. T. Snowden, Columbia; A. P. Walter, Wilton.

The Moderator read a communication from the Synod of Georgia, stating that Rev. A. T. McGill, D. D., had been chosen by them

to fill the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary. The Moderator also read the resolution passed at the late meeting of Synod, authorizing him to convene the Synod at his discretion, provided an election should be had by the Synod of Georgia. This contingency having occurred, he had convened the Synod, and now, the only business before the body was, to take action upon the election just reported from the Synod of Georgia.

After a short season spent in prayer for the divine direction in this matter, it was made the special order for half past three o'clock, this afternoon, to which hour Synod took recess.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3½ o'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod again met. Rev. J. A. Wallace appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness. Rev. F. Goulding, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The special order was taken up, and was discussed till the hour of six, when a recess was taken till after divine service to-night.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'CLOCK, P. M.

After public preaching, Synod came to order, when after further discussion, the ballot was taken and declared; when it appeared that 22 votes were cast for Rev. Dr. McGill, and 8 votes were cast against him. On motion it was

Resolved, That the stated clerk of the Synod be required to inform Dr. McGill, that his election to the chair of Ecclesiastical History, &c., in the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, was confirmed at a special meeting of the Synod of S. C., by a vote of 22 to 8, and that he be requested to inform the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, &c. as soon as possible, whether he will accept or decline.

Resolved further, That the vote of this body be officially reported to the stated clerk of the Synod of Georgia.

Synod was then adjourned, *sine die*, after prayer and the apostolic benediction. J. B. ADGER, *Moderator.*

B. M. PALMER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

G. T. Snowden, *President.*
Rev. S. Donnelly, *Vice President.*
Rev. B. M. Palmer, *Secretary.*
William Law, (Columbia,) *Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEARS.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
S. Donnelly,	J. N. Whitner,
D. M. Turner,	E. R. Calhoun,
J. J. DuBose,	T. C. Perrin,
S. H. Hay,	J. H. Lumpkin,
N. Hoyt, D. D.	D. C. Campbell,
J. S. Wilson,	W. Shear.
J. W. Reid,	
G. H. W. Petrie,	

DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEARS.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
T. Smyth, D. D.	G. T. Snowden,
B. M. Palmer,	Andrew Crawford,
J. B. Adger,	J. K. Douglass,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.	E. A. Nisbet,

A. Church, D. D.
N. A. Pratt,
R. Chamberlain,
I. S. K. Axson,
Barrington King,
H. V. Johnson.

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
M. D. Fraser,	J. D. Witherspoon,
J. R. Gilland,	William Adger,
E. T. Buist,	J. A. Crawford,
D. Humphreys,	W. L. Mitchell,
S. K. Talmage, D. D.	E. L. Newton,
C. S. Dod,	Hon. G. E. Thomas.
E. P. Rogers,	
F. Bowman.	

FACULTY.

Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.
Rev. A. W. Leland, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.
Rev. A. T. McGill, D. D., Professor elect of Church History and Polity.

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, S. C., July 9–11, 1850.

Library Room, Theological Seminary,
Tuesday, July 9th, 1850, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Library Room of the Seminary, the Vice President, Rev. S. Donnelly in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Adger.

On motion, the Board retired to the house of G. T. Snowden, Esq., who was prevented by indisposition from meeting elsewhere, when Mr. Snowden as President took the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
J. B. Adger,	G. T. Snowden,
B. M. Palmer,	A. Crawford,
M. D. Fraser,	J. A. Crawford,
J. R. Gilland,	G. W. Glenn.
S. Donnelly,	
J. Douglas,	

The following Committees were appointed by the chair:

Audits.—J. A. Crawford and Rev. J. Douglas.

Ways and Means.—Rev. J. B. Adger, Rev. S. Donnelly, and Messrs. G. W. Glenn and A. Crawford.

Laws and Regulations.—Rev. J. R. Gilland, Rev. S. Donnelly and Dr. G. W. Glenn.

Library.—Rev. Messrs. M. D. Fraser and J. R. Gilland.

Buildings.—Rev. Messrs. John Douglas and J. B. Adger.

A report from the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, together with the minutes of the meetings of this Committee, and a statement respecting the New Fund, were read and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. The Reports of the Treasurer, of Messrs. McDowell and Reid, investing Committee for the State of Georgia, and of Messrs. Snowden and Ewart, investing Committee for the State of South Carolina, were presented and referred to the Committee of Audits. The Librarian's Report was read and referred to the Committee on the Library. The Report of the Standing Building Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Buildings.

A letter from Hon. Mitchell King, stating that a favorable decree had just been rendered by the Court, securing the right of the Seminary to Mrs. Simon's Legacy of $5000: was referred to the Executive Committee, which has had supervision heretofore over this matter.

A letter was presented from Rev. Dr. Jones, addressed to the President of the Board, tendering his resignation of the Professorship of Church History and Polity in the Theological Seminary, which letter was placed on the docket.

The Board then adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. D. Fraser, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, in the chapel of the Seminary.

Chapel of Theological Seminary,
Wednesday, July 10, 1850, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met according to adjournment in the chapel of the Seminary, Mr. Snowden presiding, with a view to attend upon the Examination of the students, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Donnelly. After some hours, the examination was suspended, and the Board remained for the transaction of business. The Minutes of last Evening's Session were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Faculty was read and referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations: the Minutes of the Faculty Meetings, usually presented in connexion with this report, were destroyed in the fire which consumed Dr. Jones' dwelling.

The Committee of Audits reported upon the accounts of the Treasurer and of the two Investing Committees, that they were found correct; whereupon, these papers were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The letter of Rev. Dr. Jones was taken up from the docket; and after some conversation as to the powers of the Board to receive this resignation, Rev. J. B. Adger and Dr. G. W. Glenn were appointed a Committee to draft a letter in reply.

The Board then took recess to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met and listened to the Examination of the Students for two hours: after which, took recess to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M. at the house of Mr. Snowden.

Wednesday, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the house of Mr. Snowden. Present as before. The Committee on Laws and Regulations offered their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:—The Committee on Laws and Regulations, to whom was committed so much of the Librarian's Report as refers to the defacing of the books of the Library, and also the complaint, contained in the Report of the Faculty, of Students in the Senior class leaving previously to the final Examination, respectfully report: *First*, in regard to the injury of the books, the Board would refer the Librarian to the Sec. XII. and 8th Art. of the printed laws and regulations of the Seminary, and enjoin the rigid enforce-

ment of the same. *Secondly*, the Board would recommend to the Professors to advise students not to leave previously to the final Examination; and if necessary to enforce the same, to withhold the usual certificate from those who thus leave. But the control in this matter we conceive to be in the hands of the Presbytery.

The committee on the Library submitted the following report:—That they have examined the Library, and find it in a good condition. From the Librarian's report, which was referred to them, it appears that the present number of volumes in the library, is 4582; of which, 28 have been added during the past year. In the Librarian's report, they find a suggestion to the Board, relative to the raising of money for the purpose of meeting the wear and tear of the Library, as well as for its increase, and for extending the accommodation for books. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to inquire into the propriety of raising a fund for the purpose of being invested, the proceeds of which shall be applied to the increase of the Library, and to the providing of more room for containing the books; and should they conclude that such a measure is expedient, that they devise methods to carry it out.

In addition, the committee present two accounts, put in their hands, which they find correct, and recommend that they be paid from the treasury. This report, with its recommendations, was adopted.

The committee of Ways and Means made their report upon the finances of the Institution, which was adopted, and will be found embodied in the annual report of the Board to the Synods.

The reports of the Faculty, of the Librarian, of the Building and Executive Committees, and of the committee of Ways and Means, were all committed to Messrs. Palmer and Adger, to digest from them the annual report to the two Synods, to be submitted to the Board on to morrow evening.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

G. T. Snowden, President.
Rev. S. Donnelly, Vice President.
" B. M. Palmer, Secretary.
William Law, Treasurer.

The following persons were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. J. H. Thorn-

well, D. D., W. Law, G. T. Snowden, J. A. Crawford, A. Crawford, and Charles Beck.

Rev. Drs. G. Howe and A. W. Leland, with Messrs. W. Law, G. T. Snowden, and J. A. Crawford, were appointed the Standing Building Committee.

Rev. M. D. Fraser requested and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Board; after which, the Board adjourned, with prayer, to meet in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

CHAPEL OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
Thursday, July 11, 1850, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Several members of the Board met at 9 o'clock in the Chapel of the Seminary; but a quorum not being present, the Board was not organized. The members present attended upon the examination of the students until 1 o'clock; at which time, a quorum still not being had, those present receded, to meet at half past 3 o'clock, P. M. at the Seminary.

THURSDAY, 3 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met in the recitation room of Dr. Howe, and a quorum being present, was opened with prayer by Rev. John Douglas.

A bill was presented by the Librarian, for a set of books purchased for the Library; which was ordered to be paid from the treasury.

The committee appointed for that purpose, reported the draft of a reply to Rev. Dr. Jones' letter of resignation, expressing the regrets of the Board that he should feel it his duty to resign his chair in this Institution, and stating that they would act as the organ of the Synods in conveying his resignation to them, as the only bodies competent to dissolve his relations with the Seminary. This letter was approved and ordered to be signed by the President and sent to the Rev. Dr. Jones.

The committee on Buildings offered the following report, which was adopted. That they have examined the premises, and are glad to find every thing in good order, except some leaks in the walls and eaves of the larger building, which should be speedily repaired:—

also, the fastening of the iron railing on the Portico of the large edifice, and the lopping off some limbs of the tree in front of one of the small buildings.

We recommend payment of the bills handed in by the Standing Building Committee.

The Board then took recess, to meet to-night at 8 o'clock, at the house of Mr. Snowden.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the house of Mr. Snowden:—Present as before.

The Special Committee appointed to draft the annual report of the Board to the two Synods, gave it in as directed; which being considered, was adopted, and ordered to be laid by the Secretary before the two Synods respectively.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr. Law, the Treasurer, and to the Investing Committees, for their faithful and gratuitous discharge of the tedious and responsible duties connected with the management of the finances of this Institution. We trust that they will receive their reward from Him who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these, ye have done it unto me."

It was further *resolved*, That this Board deem it highly desirable that, whenever they can make it suit their convenience, the Professors of the Seminary should spend, at least, some portion of their vacations in visiting the churches of this State, and of Georgia, and of Alabama. The attention of candidates for the ministry might thus be turned to this Institution, and its hold on the affections and confidence of all its patrons be confirmed.

The Board then adjourned, with prayer, by Rev. J. B. Adger, to meet in the Library Room of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C. on the second Tuesday in July, 1851, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

B. M. PALMER, Secretary.

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, July 11, 1850.

I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF OLD FUNDS, PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Received from Investments in Georgia,----		$2019 10
" " " in So. Carolina,		1816 06
" " New Fund, per order Synod,		739 38
" Dividends Planters' Bank, Savannah,----------		64 00
" Collection of Willington Church,	$15	
" South Carolina Presbytery, per Rev. Mr. Gaillard----------	4 05	19 05
Total of Receipts,----------		$4657 59

Disbursed as follows.

Paid Rev. Dr. Howe's salary to 1st. July, 1850,----------	$2018 22	
" " " Leland's salary to 1st. July, 1850,----------	2019 22	
" " " Leland's salary in advance,	273 15	
" " " Howe's " " "	274 55	
" Insurance on Seminary Buildings,---	70 00	
" Bill for locks and fastenings in Seminary,----------	2 45	$4657 59

II. THE NEW FUND.

Funds collected and reported, Oct. 18, 1849; see minutes of Synod for 1849, p. 35,----	$33556 66	
Subscriptions since collected, to 8th July, 1850,----------	3018 37	
Dividends on Stocks,----------	1922 25	
Interest on Notes----------	376 36	$38873 64

Disbursed as follows:

As per last Report, to Oct. 18, 1849,----	$6105 43	
Paid Dr. Jones' salary to July 1, 1850,---	$1485 69	
" Old balance of Professors' salaries, per order of Synod,----------	739 38	

" Travelling expenses of Dr. Jones to the Synod of Alabama,	70 00	
" Sundries for expenses about Seminary,	14 86	
" Discount on check on New York	50	
Total disbursed of New Fund,	8415 86	
Invested last year, as per Report,	$26331 02	
" This year, in Notes temporarily,	3274 44	
Balance in Treasury,	852 32	$38873 64
Whole amount of subscriptions reported; see minutes of Synod for 1849, p. 36,		$44478 63
Amount collected in cash, per last Report,	$29740 58	
" " " since, to July 8, 1850,	3018 37	
Notes for subscriptions, in hands of Treasurer,	1342 09	
Notes for subscription in hands of Dr. Church,	535 00	
Balance of subscriptions to be collected,	9842 59	$44478 63
Against this New Fund, stands as follows: Bond of Mrs. Hall	$6522 43	
Interest on same, April 29, 1846, to July 1, 1850,	1904 90	$8427 33

III. PERMANENT FUNDS, EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Invested in So. Ca. Old Fund, as per last year's Report,	$27339 18	
Invested in Georgia Old Fund, as per Report of Messrs. McDowell & Reid, (slightly appreciated,)	28763 40	
Invested in So. Ca. New Fund, as reported above,	29605 46	$85708 08

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lanneau Scholarship, same as in last report,	$2200 00	
2. Scholarship of Congregational and Presbyterian Education Society, Charleston, S. C.	2250 00	

3. Telfair Timothy Scholarship, not yet received,		
4. Ellison Legacy, same as in last report,	525 00	
5. Nephew Scholarship, invested in Georgia,	2500 00	$7475 00
Total of Funds in both States, including Scholarships,		$93183 04

V. CLAIMS UPON THE TREASURY.

Balance of salary due Dr. Howe on 1st. July, 1851,	$1725 45	
Balance of salary due Dr. Leland on 1st. July, 1851,	1726 85	
Salary of third Professor, to 1st July, 1851,	2000 00	
Librarian's account,	16 50	
Insurance and supposed contingencies,	150 00	$5618 80
Supposed income, (not including Scholarships) to meet the above.		
Georgia Investments, ($28763 40) at 7 per ct.	$2013 43	
South Carolina Investments, ($27339 18) old fund, at 7 per ct.	1913 74	
Investments of New Fund, already made and expected to be made,	2500 00	$6427 17

VI. THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian reports an addition to the Library of 28 volumes, during the past year, making the whole number of volumes to be 4582. He also proposes, with the concurrence of the Board, to draw up a catalogue of books, sufficient to cover a printed sheet, to be sent as a circular to the friends of the Seminary. It is the hope of the Board, that this measure will induce donations, either in books or money, to the Library, so that a larger increase may be annually reported in future. The Executive Committee has also been instructed to take into consideration the raising of a fund, either contingent or permanent, for the increase of the Library, and to meet the wear and tear of the books from constant use, and from the depredation of insects. Should the Library increase beyond its present size, additional room will be required for the accommodation of the books—the present Library-room being already filled.

VII. THE BUILDINGS.

The buildings having been recently repaired, are now in a state of good preservation. As soon, however, as the resources of the Seminary will allow, very considerable improvements and additions will require to be made, which the Board are anxious the Synods and friends of the Institution should not wholly lose sight of, because they are impracticable at present.

VIII. REPORT OF THE PROFESSORS.

The three Professors have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their chairs, with very slight interruptions arising from sickness, or attendance upon Church Judicatories. Debates, declamation, and the delivery of sermons, have been regularly held, as well as the weekly conference upon the topics embraced in Pastoral Theology. The students in the different classes, during the year, were as follows:

In the Senior Class.

	College.	*Presbytery.*
J. W. Quarterman,	Graduate of Oglethorpe University,	Candidate of Pres. of Ga.
David Wills,	" of Tusculam College,	" of Holstein.

In the Middle Class.

Robert Agnew,	do.	of Glasgow, Scotland,	do.	of Charleston.
J. Rice Bowman,	do.	of Nassau Hall,	do.	of Hopewell.
Asahel Enloe,	do.	of Davidson,	do.	of Bethel.
G. R. Foster,	do.	of Oglethorpe,	do.	of East Alabama,
Donald Fraser,	do.	of do.	do.	of Georgia,
Albert A. James,	do.	of Davidson,	do.	of Bethel,
B. E. Lanneau,	do.	of Charleston,		
A. J. Loughridge,	do.	of Oakland,	do.	of Tombeckbee,
Wash'n. Peace,	do.	of Nassau Hall,		
James L. Rogers,	do.	of Jefferson,	do.	of Cherokee,
A. W. Watson,	do.	of Davidson,	do.	of Bethel,
A. J. Witherspoon,	do.	of South Carolina,	do.	of do.

In the Junior Class.

James H. Alexander,	of Oglethorpe,	do.	of Maury.
James S. Barr,	of Davidson,	do.	of Concord.
John J. Boozer,	of Oglethorpe,	do.	of S. Carolina.
D. L. Buttolph,	of Williams	do.	of Charleston.
James Douglass,	of Davidson,	do.	of Bethel.
Francis C. Morris,	of Oglethorpe,	do.	of N. Alabama.
Rufus K. Porter,	of South Carolina,	do.	of Charleston.

William H. Roane,	of Oglethorpe,	do.	of Tuscumbia.
James Stacey,	of do.		
Thomas E. Waite,			
James E. White,	of South Carolina,		

The two members of the Senior Class were not present at the final Examination, having been permitted by the Faculty to withdraw before the close of the term—a permission granted, says the Report, with very great reluctance, in view only of the peculiar circumstances of both cases. The Board, without wishing to trench upon the control of the Presbyteries, have urged the Faculty to great strictness in discharging Students before the time of graduating; and to enforce continuance in the Seminary by withholding, at their discretion, the usual certificate of graduation from those Students who leave prematurely.

The Report of the Professors speaks in most favorable terms of the diligence of the Students, of their conscientious observance of the laws of the Seminary, of their piety, of their brotherly intercourse among themselves, and of their engagedness in all the enterprises of Christian activity and zeal, which are accessible to them. Manifest proof has been given of a growing spirituality, and of a deepening interest in the whole subject of Christian Missions.

IX. GENERAL REMARKS.

Before closing their Report the Board would respectfully call the attention of the Synods to several topics, too miscellaneous to be grouped except under this comprehensive head.

1. The Executive Committee and their Agents have not yet succeeded in collecting the whole subscription to the New Fund. The Committee has, however, caused an Alphabetical list of all the Subscribers to be made, with the several payments that have been made by each. This list is accurate so far as the collection has proceeded, and will be completed when the collection itself shall be brought to a period. To facilitate this result, as well as to detect any errors that may have been committed in the process of collection, they have made out, from the books of the Treasurer and from the original Subscription Papers, an exact statement of what has been paid on each Subscription Paper, by each Subscriber. These statements will be distributed among the Agents, and will be of great service to them in bringing the collections to a close.

2. A legacy of $5000, was left by Mrs. Eliza Lucilla Simons of Charleston, deceased, to "the Theological Seminary of the Synod of

South Carolina." This legacy the Executors hesitated to pay over, on the ground that this was not the full corporate title of the Institution; although, as the will was drawn by one of them, they had no doubt of the intention of the Testatrix. To settle the title of the Seminary to this legacy, and to close the door against all future litigation, the Executive Committee entered a friendly suit before the Court of Equity, and the Hon. Mitchell King was retained as their Counsel. The other party, waiving all legal technicalities, consented to an immediate issue before the Court of Equity, which lately held its Sessions in the city of Charleston. A favorable decree was rendered by his Honor, Chancellor B. F. Dunkin, establishing the claim of the Seminary to said legacy, and ordering it to be paid after one year from the death of the Testatrix. By the same decree, each party was ordered to pay its own costs.

3. The Executive Committee have employed Mr. W. F. DeSaussure as legal counsel, with instructions to obtain from the Court the appointment of a guardian to Mrs. Hall, should she be proved incompetent in law to receive monies. Nothing final can be done before the sitting of the Court. In the meantime the collections will continue to be invested with which to cancel this debt, so soon as the way shall be clear to do so with safety.

4. Rev. Dr. Jones tendered to the Board his resignation of the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, with a view to enter upon another department of Christian labor. The Board replied to Dr. Jones, that as they did not confer the office, they were not competent to dissolve his connexion with the Seminary. But as the organ of the Synods, they would convey his resignation to them; not doubting but they would receive the intelligence with the same regret which possesses the Board. The Secretary of the Board is instructed to inclose along with this Report the letter in question which contains the resignation of Dr. Jones.

5. The Board, in their official capacity, attended upon the Examination of the Students, at the close of the Seminary term: a privilege secured by the recent change in the time of meeting from October to July. It has been a source of gratification to them to have proof for themselves of the diligence of Students, and of the fidelity of Professors—a pleasure impaired only by the reflection that it was enjoyed by so small a portion of the Board. It will not be amiss to express anew, as was done in the last report, the desirableness of a full attendance upon the meetings of the Board. The presence of a number of Directors at the Examination will not only tend to in-

spire the Students and to refresh the teachers with a token of sympathy and interest, but will react also upon the visitors, and will serve to place the Seminary more fully in the heart and confidence of the Church.

6. The following Directors go out of office this year, whose places must be filled by the two Synods; four Ministers and three Laymen being chosen by each:

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
S. Donnelly,	Hon. Job. Johnston,
J. Douglas,	J. N. Whitner,
J. H. Saye,	G. W. Glenn,
D. McQueen,	D. C. Campbell,
J. W. Reid,	A. L. Alexander,
G. H. W. Petrie,	W. Shear.
J. S. Wilson,	
N. Hoyt, D. D.	

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. SNOWDEN, *President.*

B. M. PALMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Education Committee.

The committee, appointed to receive and appropriate contributions for the aid of candidates for the Ministry, who need pecuniary assistance, in meeting the expenses of their Theological Education, present to Synod their annual

REPORT.

At the beginning of the Synodical year, your committee found themselves encumbered with a debt of Four Hundred and thirteen dollars and ninety-eight cents, contracted by necessary loans, to meet necessary disbursements of the former year... $413 08

In the course of the present year, the appropriations to six beneficiaries, who receive aid from the Committee, and are, with one exception, students of our Seminary, amout to seven hundred and twenty-two dollars..... 722 00

Making the total demands on the Committee for the year, which have all been paid, the sum of eleven hundred and thirty-five dollars and eight cents..... 1135 08

PER CONTRA.

Your Committee have received, from the income of permanent funds, and from the charitable contributions of churches, societies, and individuals, various sums, amounting, in all, including a balance of interest, of seven dollars and eighty-six cents, allowed by the Treasurer, to the sum of fifteen hundred and four dollars	1504 86
Leaving a balance in favour of the Committee, of about three hundred and sixty-nine dollars, omitting cents.	
The above stated amount was received from the following sources, viz:	
The income of the Lanneau Scholarship,	135 00
" " of the Charleston Female Scholarship,	110 00
" " of the Ellison Legacy,	71 25
Contribution of Ladies in Midway Church, Ga.	92 00

From South Carolina Presbytery.

Mount Zion Church, Anderson,	6 00
Hopewell, (Keowee)	19 00
Fairview Church,	10 00
Rock Church,	19 15
Nazareth,	15 00
Aveleigh,	8 55
Smyrna,	4 15
Long Cane,	42 60
Gilder's Creek,	13 45
From Treasurer of Presbytery,	1 00

Presbytery of Bethel.

Fairforest,	5 00
Six-mile Creek,	8 00
Unionville,	10 00
Cane Creek,	10 00
Fishing Creek,	20 00
Mrs. Rosanna Law,	5 00
A member of Waxhaw Church,	10 00
Purity Church,	10 00

Presbytery of Harmony.

Camden Church,	180 00
Mount Zion, (Sumter,)	51 62
Hopewell,	21 00
Harmony,	12 00
Cheraw,	24 15
Bruington,	13 00
Beaver Creek,	30 55
Salem, (Black River,)	30 00
Little Peedee,	8 00
Horeb,	10 50
Midway,	5 00
Lebanon,	50 00
Salem, (Little River,)	50 00
Mrs. Donnelly, of Beaver Creek Church,	10 00

Presbytery of Charleston.

From an unknown friend,	300 00
From Columbia Ladies' Sewing Society,	50 00
From Mrs. Ellison and Law, for support of one beneficiary,	150 00
From Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Latta, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Macfie, and Mrs. Scott, for one beneficiary,	150 00
From Mr. Andrew Crawford,	25 00
In addition to the above contributions, which have been paid to the Treasurer of your committee, we report the following sums which have been raised for the same object, and paid directly to the beneficiaries, vix:	
For support of one student, by the Presbytery of Bethel,	150 00
For support of one student, by the Glebe Street Church, in Charleston,	150 00
For support of four students, by the second Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	600 00
Total, within the bounds of Synod, so far as known to the committee,	2695 97

While your committee rejoice in reporting the prosperous state of their treasury, they feel it a duty to remind their brethren

of the Synod, that this balance in our favour has been produced by a less number of beneficiaries, and by the liberality of an unknown friend, on the repetition of which, we can by no means depend. And, as the present prospect is, that the number of beneficiaries will be nearly or quite doubled during the coming year, the claims upon the charitable contributions of churches, societies and individuals, will, necessarily, be quite as urgent as heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. W. LELAND, Chairman.

Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions,

To the Synod of South Carolina, at its Sessions at Upper Long Cane Church, Abbeville District, S. C., Nov. 14, 1850.

The Executive Committee for Foreign Missions, in presenting to the Synod of South Carolina their Annual Report, would state *first*, that they have published and sent throughout our bounds during the year past, 3000 copies of a tract on "Collections for Charitable and Religious Purposes." These tracts cost the Missionary fund $79 20, and being divided out by the Committee according to their best judgment, were forwarded through the Clerks of Presbyteries for gratuitous distribution in every one of our churches. A similar edition of 3000 copies were, at the suggestion of your committee, printed at the same time, for our Sister Synod of Georgia, and have doubtless been in like manner circulated through their bounds. The Committee feel, that in taking this step, they were complying with the repeatedly expressed desires of this Synod, that measures of this kind should be by the Committee adopted, in order to "instruct our churches more fully in the relations of the gospel to the salvation of mankind," and to "urge on them the duty of more systematic and general contributions for spreading it abroad." And the Committee would hope that by God's blessing this very tract will in its measure promote these desirable results, and thus, the money and pains expended in this effort yield a large interest.

II. In connexion with this topic, the Committee would bring to the notice of Synod, sundry resolutions passed by this body at its two last sessions. At its last meeting this Synod solemnly declared that "it is evident our churches, from some cause, either lack of knowl-

edge, or lack of piety, or lack of opportunity, do not feel, as deeply as they should, the importance of supporting the gospel at home or of spreading it abroad;" and therefore that "every Pastor should instruct his own people on this subject, and every Presbytery require the occasional and Stated Supplies of their churches to introduce this matter in their ministrations among the vacant churches which they visit." Also that "the Presbyteries should take order that every church and every member of every church *should have the opportunity of bringing his offerings* (that is, as the Committee interpret it, *should be called on to bring his offerings*) to the Lord." The Synod further declared at the same time that "this matter is the more incumbent upon Presbyteries since we are now in a sort of transition state between the employment of hired agencies and the systematic action of ecclesiastical bodies." (See minutes of Synod for 1849, p. 18, 19.)

Also at its meeting two years ago at Bethesda Church, York district, this body enjoined upon "its Presbyteries, to appoint from among themselves suitable persons to visit vacant churches, for the purpose of preaching to them on Foreign Missions;" and further enjoined that "Presbyteries should institute enquiries, respecting the manner in which all the churches under their care have performed their duty in this matter;" and further enjoined on all "the ministers in connexion with this Synod, to preach on the subject of systematic benevolence to the churches under their care." (See minutes of Synod for 1848, p. 17.)

The Executive Committee would now respectfully suggest that this Synod should, in whatever way may seem to its wisdom most efficient, examine how far its expressed will has been carried into operation by the Presbyteries and by the individual ministers and elders who are under its government and control. It has been said by those who do not believe in Presbyterian Church government, that our Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies *meet only to pass resolutions*; and that whenever any thing is *resolved upon* among us, it is *sure never to be executed.* The Executive Committee (charged as they have been by Synod with the interests of the cause of F. M. among us) would hope, they are not guilty of any presumption in praying Synod not to content itself with issuing its instructions, but to see whether these instructions are carried out. The Committee would respectfully but earnestly protest that it is a solemn farce for this Synod of Christian Ministers and Elders to declare annually that such and such things ought to be and shall be done,

and yet annually allow these very things to remain undone. If we, the Synod, cannot enforce our injunctions, or what is even worse, if we, the members of Synod, will not obey conscientiously the injunctions of Synod, then it appears to the Committee that it were better in every view of the subject that no injunctions whatever be issued by the Synod.

III. There are two other items of Synod's past action, which the Committee will refer to, by way of refreshing the memory of the brethren present. One relates to efforts to be made for promoting the circulation of the Missionary Chronicle and the Foreign Missionary, as being "due to *our Church*, whose operations they develope and record, and due to *our Churches*, inasmuch as knowledge on this subject is the basis of action." See minutes of 1846, p. 37 and 18.

The other item respects the mode of forwarding Missionary contributions by the churches. In 1847, the Synod, in order that all the contributions may appear together in the Committee's annual report, recommended that the churches and Presbyteries should send their gifts to the Treasurer in Charleston rather than directly to the parent Board in N. Y.

IV. The Committee would call the Synod's attention to a subject of importance, which our Board has noticed distinctly in its two last Reports. It is *the want of lay assistance* in our American Indian Missions. For lack of this kind of labour, Ministers of the gospel in those Missions are compelled to teach day-schools, keep boarding-schools and have charge of farming-operations. For reasons which it is not necessary now to detail, either these things must be done by the Missionary, or else the Missions must be abandoned. Now, it is felt on all hands, that the remedy for so great an evil, is, for the Board *to send out properly-qualified Christian laymen.* The Board say in their last Report, that "five such laymen are now wanted for the existing Missions, and that several other Missions might ere this time have been commenced if there had been a reasonable prospect that such laymen might be obtained." With all the efforts of the Board, they succeeded last year in obtaining only two such assistants, both elders of the church. "It is a painful thought (they well say) that these promising Missions must be arrested for want of this necessary force, and that in a Church containing so many thousands of laymen qualified for this kind of work, the time and energies of faithful and able ministers of the Gospel must be given to it, while their own appropriate work, in whole or in part, is left undone. Until this important element of the Missionary force can be found, our

Missions among the Indian tribes can neither be efficiently carried on, nor further enlarged. We trust, however, that these assistants will yet be obtained; that our present Missions may be fully strengthened; and that at no distant day the promising openings for new Missions, which for a whole year have been held in abeyance, may be supplied. To these benighted tribes this question is one of life or death."

The Executive Committee introduce this subject to the notice of Synod because they desire it should attract the notice of all the Elders and members of our church who may be present or who may read this report hereafter. May there not be some one of these who could devote, and should willingly offer, himself to this service? Why should not the Synod of S. C. be expected to furnish at least one of these five laymen who are at this very time so much needed in our Indian Missions? Here is an opportunity of great usefulness offered to any humble, prudent, pious member of our Church that is capable either of teaching a school, or of superintending the care of a boarding-house or a farm. Such a man, having all his reasonable expectations of support provided for, and not being required to quit this continent or go across oceans or seas into inhospitable or sickly climes like most Foreign Missionaries, may find a position of influence and usefulness at once retired and important. Without having enjoyed a liberal education himself, he may release one who is capable of higher duties from the drudgery of school-keeping;—and being himself not called to preach the gospel, he may yet take from the plough a minister who ought to have all his time for spiritual agriculture. Is there no elder or member of our church here that aspire after some such opportunity of helping on the cause of Evangelizing the Heathen?

V. The Report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted. The amount acknowledged by him for the past year is $2685 73 against $2445 96 acknowledged by him last year.

Besides what our own Treasurer has received, the Treasurer in New York, of the Assembly Board of Foreign Missions, acknowledges as remitted directly to him the sum of $245 55
Which, added to our Treasurer's reported amount, ... 2685 73

Makes a total of $2931 28

This, the Committee consider, quite an encouraging advance, being several hundred dollars more than has been given in this Synod

during any year since the separation of S. C. from Georgia. Moreover our last year's receipts of $2445 contained $220 from Georgia and Alabama; this year the whole sum acknowledged is from this State, except one donation of $10 from a lady in Alabama. It is true the Blair legacy, which has lately come into our possession, yielded this year an interest of $136 91, which perhaps should not count with the other regular contributions in estimating the progress of Foreign Missionary zeal among us; but we can set against that sum $150 not yet received, but which is reported to us as given in the Columbia Church, besides what our Treasurer has credited to them.

There, is however, a *discouraging* aspect of this Report, which also we feel bound to report. While none of our churches can claim to have done all they could, there are more than fifty of them which, so far as your Committee are informed, have *done nothing at all the past year for Foreign Missions!* The Committee would here present a careful digest of the Treasurer's report, which shows precisely what *churches* in our bounds have any credit on his books, and *what amount* is credited to each contributing Church. One or two explanations must first be made, however, relative to the contributors from the Presbytery of S. Carolina. The whole amount credited to that Presbytery is $350 64, which includes two sums ($36 60 and $160 85) paid in at that Presbytery's sessions at Carmel Church and at Greenwood. From the printed Minutes of Presbytery, the Committee have succeeded in ascertaining what churches united in making up these two contributions, and in the following list, they have divided out these sums according to the information thus acquired. The Committee would remark that the sum of $31 credited by our Treasurer *to Rock Church*, appears to them to be set down in the Presbytery's Minutes to a *Presbyterial collection at Greenwood*, and therefore in their list they credit as taken up *either* at Rock Church, *or* at Greenwood.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Presbytery of S. C.		Presbytery of Harmony.	
Willington Church,	$100 00	Winnsboro Church,	$115 22
Greenville "	21 19	Darlington "	54 00
Greenville C. H. Ch.,	6 30	Bishopsville "	27 00
Rock Church	31 95	Salem (Black River) Church.	20 00
Pickens "	1 00	Williamsburgh "	60 00
Rocky River Church,	18 50	Midway "	5 00
Good Hope, "	18 00	Mount Zion "	83 00
Providence "	19 35		

Presbytery of S. C.			
Lebanon "	18 25		
Fairview "	8 00		
Anderson C. H. Ch.,	2 00		
Friendship "	4 00		
Roberts "	7 50		
Nazareth "	18 00		
Hopewell "	6 00		
Gilder's Creek "	10 00		
Spartanburgh C. H. Ch.	10 50		
Little River Church,	1 00		
Redd's legacy,	$7 00		
Individuals,	11 10		
	18 10		
Pres. Col. either at Rock Ch. or Greenwood,	31 00		
		$ 350 64	

Presbytery of Bethel.			
Fishing Creek Ch.	$76 00		
Yorkville and Bethesda Churches,	81 00		
Waxhaw Church,	15 00		
Catholic "	40 00		
Purity "	33 00		
Bethel "	31 00		
Individuals,	25 00		
		301 00	
Acknowledged in New York.			
Pleasant Grove Ch.	$30 00		
Fair Forest "	5 00		
Ebenezer "	31 00		
Bullock's Creek "	3 00		
		69 00	

Presbytery of Harmony.			
Cheraw "	168 00		
Beth'da (Cam.) "	116 05		
Sumterville "	73 87		
Hopewell "	40 25		
Concord "	21 00		
		$ 783 39	
Acknowledged in New York.			
Beaver Creek Ch's.	$70 00		
Bethesda (Cam.)	30 00		
		100 00	

Presbytery of Charleston.			
Charleston 2nd Ch.	$355 24		
Colored Congregation of do.	68 00		
Glebe st. Church,	*18 02		
Columbia Church,	323 22		
Beech Island "	12 50		
James Island "	31 31		
Stony Creek "	46 00		
Walterboro "	40 00		
Milton "	67 00		
An individual,	2 00		
		$ 963 29	
Acknowledged in New York.			
Charleston 2nd Ch.	$73 55		
Columbia "	3 00		
		76 55	
Synod's collection at Camden Church,		$140 50	
Interest on the Blair Legacy,		136 91	
Contribution from Alabama,		10 00	
Total		$2931 28	

Thus, it appears that of the forty-three churches in the Presbytery of S. C. only eighteen have contributed, while twenty-five have not contributed! We have some reason, however, to think this is an advance upon last year, for *then*, the joint contribution of the churches through the Treasurer of Presbytery was only $128 75, whereas this year it amounts to $197 45. And, *then*, the whole amount from the S. C. Presbytery was but $246 60, whereas it rises this year to $350 64. It is therefore probable that some churches

* This church has raised upwards of $60, but the remainder was not placed in the hands of the Treasurer in season to be embodied in this Report.

which did not give last year are on this year's list. But on the other hand, some, as Bethany and Upper Long Cane, which then aided, have this year done nothing. Brethren! It is good to be zealously affected *always* in a good thing.

So, it appears, that of the twenty-three churches in Bethel Presbytery only eleven have contributed, while twelve have not contributed! This however is better than last year's report, for then, there were only ten contributing churches. Waxhaw, Catholic, Bullock's Creek, Pleasant Grove, and Fair Forest, which gave nothing last year, have this year come forward; but where is the zeal of Cane Creek, Cedar Shoal, Unionville and Hopewell, which shone forth last year? Only Bethesda, Yorkville, Purity, Ebenezer and Fishing Creek of last year's helpers in this work stand fast and continue their aid.

So too in Harmony, we have twenty-seven churches, but only thirteen of them appear this year among the contributors. This leaves fourteen churches in Harmony to stand as having done nothing for Foreign Missions during the Synodical year just finished! Bishopville, Midway and Sumterville, which gave nothing last year, are on this year's list, but we miss Little Pedee and Indiantown. The churches of Winnsboro, Darlington, Williamsburg, Beaver Creek, Camden, Cheraw, Hopewell, Concord and Mount Zion persevere in the good work.*

In the Presbytery of Charleston, all of our own Churches, except Boiling Springs, are acknowledged on this year's list, and besides our own churches, the Independent Presbyterian Church of James Island and the Independent Church of Stony Creek (both served by our Brethren) have aided us.

Let us hope that next year we may have aid sent in from all our churches, in all our Presbyteries. When the fifty-one non-contributing churches of this Synod shall with the others, all unite in *earnest prayer* and *duly-proportioned giving* for the Foreign propagation of the Faith, then will be seen in this Synod such a vigorous Home-

* Note, subsequently added by the Executive Committee.

Since the opening of this meeting of Synod, $10 has been received from Horeb and $3 from Aimwell, both in Harmony Presbytery. The Committee are also informed that the two churches of Lebanon and Salem, Little River, both in Harmony Presbytery, did each contribute $30 during the year. Thus the number of non-contributing churches in Harmony is reduced to ten. It appears that the contribution of these two last-named churches, was forwarded by their Pastor to the Treasurer at New York, but was probably lost on the way, as it was never acknowledged.

prosperity, as we have never yet witnessed. This is not our saying but the word of the Lord. "Bring ye all the tythes into the store house * * * * and prove me now herewith, (saith the Lord of Hosts) if I will not open the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi iii, 10.

The Committee have only to add respecting the Treasurer's Report, that as the Synod will observe, Capt. Blair's legacy has been paid; and that instead of $1000 as last year reported by us, it consists of eighty shares of the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, valued originally at $2000 and now yielding an interest of above six per cent, on that amount.

VI. The Committee feel that they are but carrying out the known wishes and desires of Synod relative to the spread of Missionary information among ourselves and our Churches, when they take the liberty of referring this body to one item of intelligence from our Foreign Missions, of the deepest interest. It is known to all here present, that for some time, there have existed in Northern India three Presbyteries connected with our General Assembly, and that the General Assembly in 1841 organized these into a Synod, to be called "*the Synod of Northern India.*" The Missionary Chronicle of Nov. 1849 contains the Minutes of the first and second meetings of that Synod. And the Committee are sure, no Presbyterian could read those minutes without satisfaction and improvement. At the first meeting, which was under peculiar and rather embarrassing circumstances, little more was done than to make arrangements for a second meeting. One of the items of business, however, was to appoint a Committee to draw up a report in reference to several important and embarrassing questions about the Marriage relation among the native Christians of India; another item was to request of the Presbyteries, their judgment of the meaning of I. Cor. xi. 4, with reference to the Native Preachers of the gospel.

At the second meeting, held at Agra in Dec. 1848, there were present nine ministers and two elders, thirteen ministers being absent. The Synod discussed and decided the questions above referred to, and also adopted a scheme for regulating the qualifications and licensure of Catechists. But the main business of the session was a careful and detailed revision of the "Standards of the Presbyterian Church, translated into the Urdu language." After twelve days laborious examination and discussion and correction, the Synod adopted these works as the authoritative exposition of our faith in

that tongue. These works have since been printed and published.

Now, a meeting like this at Agra, would be a spectable of interested contemplation, doubtless, to any Christian mind. But *to us*, the men who composed it and the work they undertook and accomplished, have an interest very peculiar. And the reason of this is, not our bigotry, but our intelligent and conscientious attachment to our own system of doctrines and order, as being divine and scriptural. To see these introduced and established in India, and to see their felicitous and successful operation, of course gives us satisfaction. "Such a meeting we feel does," indeed, "mark an era in the Missionary history of our church and is a point from which to look back and to look forward." "In future ages the Agra confession may be referred to, with gratitude, by greater numbers of Christians, than now praise God for that of Westminster."

The Committee would therefore put it to the heart of every minister, elder and member of our church, whether we do not owe an earnest and hearty support to our Brethren in Northern India. Looking at their faithful and successful labours, we owe this debt. Under God they have laid the foundations of a great work. Looking at the extent of their field of labours, we owe it. They are but three ministers for the four millions of the Punjab; but twenty-four ministers to the thirty millions of the Upper Provinces of India. Looking at our attachment to Presbyterian principles, we owe it. They have established those principles among one of the bravest, hardiest, most energetic, and most promising nations of Hindostan. Above all, looking at our Christian profession and obligations, we owe it. The work of spreading the gospel through all the earth is, indeed, "the highest, holiest, and most blessed enterprize that ever occupied the hearts or hands of created beings." How can any church of this Synod be content with doing *nothing* or with doing *little* for the foreign propagation of the faith? Away with all vain excuses! It is not the destitutions of the home field, which hinder us from foreign efforts. It is (in the language of this body last year) "either lack of knowledge or lack of piety or lack of opportunity," and wo be to us, Ministers and Elders, if we do not strive to apply the existing remedies for these diseases of our church! Our contributions, however well they may compare, all things considered, with those of other Christian bodies, are indeed (as Synod last year expressed it) "inadequate and sadly disproportioned to the magnitude of the interests at stake, and inconsistent with the profession we make, as a Church of Jesus Christ." The subject of our duty to the Heathen

needs to be presented to our people with warmth and zeal. They need instruction and exhortation and reproof and encouragement. And, Brethren of the Ministry, the Pastors and supplies of churches in this Synod, it is for you to furnish these *desiderata.* Some of you, we know, make the endeavor, and some, we fear, make it not. Suffer our word of exhortation! Gird up your loins, and like faithful workmen of the Lord discharge also this duty! Plead the cause of our perishing Brethren of mankind! Preach the duty of obedience to the last words of our ascending Lord! Educate your churches to an enlarged benevolence! All experience and observation testify, *there is a blessing in it.* The Scripture says, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth. They that water others shall be watered." Do this and your own immediate field will get no damages by it. You yourselves will be better heard, better liked, better supported for every dollar that your people give to spread the gospel elsewhere. Oh! for more faith in us and in them! Oh for a baptism afresh by the Spirit! Oh to feel the powers of the world to come! There is a Jesuit's monument in Malta with this motto, "*Momentaneum quod cruciat, momentaneum quod delectat, quod non eternum nihil est.*" "Momentary is that which distresses us, momentary that which delights; whatever is not eternal is nothing." The melancholy grandeur of this sentiment is not the less impressive, because quoted from the victim of a cruel and tyrannous paganism, baptized into the Christian name. Momentary indeed are all our selfish and worldly schemes and indulgences; and momentary indeed are all the sacrifices Christ calls on us to make for him, and for the souls of men! These indulgences, on the one hand, these sacrifices, on the other, are nothing! The only true and real is the eternal result to us, and to the world, of our faithfulness or of our unfaithfulness!

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

In Account with James Adger, Treasurer.

1849.						
Nov. 14.	By cash	from	colored congregation of Rev. J. B. Adger,....	$		20 00
" 22.	" "	through	Mrs. E. M. Gibbes, from the Female Benevolent Society, Fishing Creek Church,....			46 00
" 23.	" "	"	Rev. Thos. Smyth, collection at Synodical Meeting, Camden, Nov. 1849,....$140 50			
			Collection of Camden Church,..... 40 00			
						180 50
Dec. 10.	" "		Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, 9th December,.....			28 50
" 26.	" "	"	a letter, dated Pickens Co. Alabama, from "a lady, a friend to missions,".....			10 00
1850.						
Jan. 4.	" "	"	Mr. W. P. McFadden, from Mrs. Mary Davies,.....$2 00			
			Annual family contribution of W. P. McFadden,..... 8 00			
						10 00
" 7.	" "	"	Rev. Thos. Smyth, Monthly Concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, for the African Missionary Church, at Greenville, Sinon Co. Liberia, 6th Jan.....			21 20
" 10.	" "	"	Rev. L. Girardeau, monthly collection Wilton Presbyterian Church, 1st Jan.....			28 00
" 11.	" "	"	Mr. J. B. Bull, collection Willington Church, Abbeville District,.....			20 00
" 16.	" "		Monthly Concert collection, Beach Island Church,.....			6 50
" "	" "	"	Rev. J.B. Dunwody, Stoney Creek Church, Juvenile Society,.....$15 00			
			Monthly Concert,..... 31 00			
						46 00
" 22.	" "	"	Rev. P. E. Bishop, from Yorkville and Bethesda Churches,.....$63 80			
			From Sunday School, Yorkville Ch. 11 20			
						75 00
" 24.	" "	"	Robinson & Caldwell, Interest on Legacy of Jno. Blair of York,.....			76 00
" 25.	" "	"	Mr. H. Cameron, collection, Hopewell Ch..			40 25
Feb. 4.	" "		Quarterly collection, Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presbyterian Church,.....			47 68
" 6.	" "		Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, 3d February,.....			27 50
" "	" "	"	Mr. W. P. McFadden, from Mrs. Mary Davies, (relict of Rev. J. B. Davies,).....			10 00

Feb. 11.	By cash through Mr. Jno. Workman, Treasurer, from Bethesda Church, Camden, S. C.	76 05
" 14. " " "	Rev. L. Girardeau, monthly concert collection, Wilton Presbyterian Church,	15 00
" " " " "	Mr. J. B. Witherspoon, collection, Female Missionary Society, Sumterville Presbyterian Church,	43 87
" 15. " " "	Mr. E. P. Palmer, collection, Waxhaw Ch. Bethel Presbytery,	15 00
" 19. " " "	Mr. A. O. Norris, Treasurer, from Greenville Church, by R. Brownlee, ...$21 19 From S. R. McFall, Chairman Financial Committee, Carmel, Session Presbytery, 36 60	57 79
" 20. " " "	Rev. W. Banks, collection, Catholic Church, Chester District,	40 00
" 22. " " "	Mr. J. B. Bull, collection, Willington Ch. Abbeville District,	20 00
" 25. " " "	Gen. S. R. Chandler, from three members of Concord Church, Sumter District: Mr. L. McFadden, $10; Dr. R. R. Durant, $10; Mr. Henry Span, $1.	21 00
March 5. " "	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, 3d March,	33 88
" 15. " " "	Rev. James A. Wallace, from Williamsburg Church, ...$52 50 From colored members of Williamsburg Church, for support of Rev. H. W. Ellis, in Africa, 7 50	60 00
" 27. " " "	Rev. P. Pierson, collection at Midway Ch.	5 00
" 28. " " "	Mr. G. T. Snowden, subscription at 1st Presbyterian Chruch, last annual meeting,	150 00
April 3. " " "	Mr. Jno. F. Matheson, Cheraw Church, yearly contribution, ...$168 00 Salem Church, (B. R.) 20 00	188 00
" 6. " " "	Mr. W. P. McFadden, from the Gretnagreen Female Academy, York District,	5 00
" 9. " "	From Rev. J. B. Adger's colored congregation,	21 00
" " " " "	Mr. A. Crawford, Treasurer, monthly concert collections, Presbyterian Church, Columbia,	49 77
" 16. " "	Monthly concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 7th April, $37 31, and from colored members, 50 cents	37 81
" " " " "	Rev. J. B. Adger, collection at Beach Island Church,	6 00

April 23.	By cash through J. A. Enslow, Treasurer, for monthly concert, Glebe-st. Presbyterian Ch....$15 02		
	From Sabbath School Scholars, J. A. Enslow's class in Glebe-st. Presbyterian Church,..... 3 00		
			18 02
" " " " "	Rev. Mr. Girardeau, collection at Wilton Presbyterian Church,.....		24 00
May 6. " " "	J. B. Bull, Treasurer, monthly concert collections at Willington Church,.....		20 00
" " " "	From monthly concert, 2d Presbyterian Ch. Charleston, 5th May,.....		23 80
" " " " "	Rev. A. W. Miller, contribution of Fishing Creek Church, Chester District,.....		30 00
" " " "	From T. Kerr, through Law & Drennan, from Bethel Church, York District,.....		31 00
" " " " "	Mr. John F. Matheson, Mount Zion Church, Sumter District,.....		83 00
June 4. " "	Contribution of Dr. James Morrow,.....		2 00
" " " "	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 2d June,.....		17 70
" 17. " " "	Rev. Edward Palmer, monthly concert, Presbyterian Church, Walterboro',....$17 00		
	Sabbath School " " 3 00		
			20 00
July 9. " " "	A. Crawford, Esq. monthly concert collections, Presbyterian Church, Columbia,.....		76 75
" 15. " " "	Mr. J. B. Bull, monthly concert collection, Willington Church,.....		20 00
" 16. " "	From Rev. J. B. Adger's colored congregation,.....		27 00
" " " "	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 14th July,.....		5 65
Aug. 5. " "	Monthly concert collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 4th August,.....		12 65
" 8. " " "	Rev. Jno. Douglas, monthly concert collection, James Island Church,.....		31 31
" 17. " " "	Mr. J. S. Wilson, from W. D. Henry, annual contribution, Purity Church, Chester District, ...		33 00
" 21. " " "	Mr. F. H. Simreil, collection of Sunday School, Presbyterian Church, Yorkville, for distribution of Bible in Northern India,		6 00
" 23. " " "	Robinson & Caldwell, dividend of Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, Legacy of John Blair of York,.....		60 91
" 30. " " "	Rev. W. Brearly, collections of the Presbyterian Church, Darlington,.....		54 00
Sept. 12. " " "	Mr. J. B. Bull, monthly concert collection, Willington Church,.....		20 00

Sept. 13.	By cash	Monthly Concert, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 1st Sept.....	12 46
" 23.	" " "	Mr. A. O. Norris, Treasurer for Foreign Missions of S. C. Presbytery.	
		Receipts at Spring Session of Presbytery at Greenwod,.... $160 85	
		Collection at Rock Church to be sent Rev. J. W. Quarterman, Ningpo Mission,.....$31 00	
		From Dr. W. Templeton, to be sent to same,..... 1 00	
		32 00	
			192 85
Oct. 19.	" " "	Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Bishopville Ch...	27 00
" 22.	" "	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 20th Oct.....	55 61
" 29.	" " "	Mr. J. B. Witherspoon, from Treasurer of Sumterville Female Missionary Society,..	30 00
Nov. 5.	" " "	A. Crawford, Esq. Treasurer, collections at Presbyterian Church, Columbia,.....	46 70
" 6.	" " "	Rev. M. D. Fraser, monthly concert collections, Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro', 1st Nov. 1849--50,.....$111 35	
		From two young persons, fruits of their own labor,..... 3 87	
			115 22
" 7.	" "	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 3d November,.....	30 80
" 9.	" " "	Rev. Edward Palmer, collection Presbyterian Church, Walterboro',.....	20 00

Appropriated as follows :

1849.

Dec. 8.	To paid Executive Committee's order to pay Rev'd. John F. Lanneau, for his order on Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, A.	
1850.	B. F. M., on account his salary as agent,.....$200 00	
April 23.	To paid Executive Committee's order, to remit the funds in hand to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board. Remitted in check of Bank of Charleston, on Bank of the State of N. York, from Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, $1331 64, at 1-2 ct. prem.....1,338 30	
May 25.	To paid Executive Committee's order, favor of Jos. Walker, for 3000 tracts, printed for the Foreign Missionary Committee of Synod of S. Carolina,..... 79 20	
July 8.	To paid Executive Committee's order to pay Rev'd. Jno. F. Lanneau for his draft on Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, A. B. F. M., on account of his salary as agent,..... 100 00	

Nov. 11. To paid Executive Committee's order to remit the balance of the funds in hand, to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board. Remitted in James Adger & Co.'s draft on Brown, Brothers & Co. New York, favor of Charles D. Drake, Treasurer, payable on presentation, $969 44, at 1-8 ct. discount,..... 968 23

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Errors and omissions excepted.

Charleston, 11th November, 1850.

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

General Rules and Regulations of the Synod of South Carolina.

1. *Overtured.* That the rules for the government and direction of the Judicatories, recommended by the General Assembly, be adopted by this Synod. *Adopted, November*, 1821.

2. *Overtured*, That the Presbyteries be required to bring up a condensed report, in writing, of the state of religion within their limits, to every meeting of Synod. *Adopted, November*, 1824.

3. *Resolved*, "That, hereafter, the roll be called at the close of every stated sessions, and the names of absentees recorded on the minutes." *Adopted, November*, 1824.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod, at each of its stated meetings, spend two hours in religious exercises, consisting of reading the scriptures, appropriate psalms and hymns, short addresses, and more especially social prayer for the blessing of God on the members of this body, on our deliberations as an Ecclesiastical Judicatory, and on the churches committed to our care—and that from 10 o'clock in the morning, to 1 o'clock, in the afternoon of the second day of each meeting of the Synod be spent in these exercises—and that it be the duty of the Moderator to preside, and designate the brethren who shall conduct them *Adopted, November*, 1832.

5. *Resolved*, That, as soon as practicable after the opening of each meeting, a committee be appointed, consisting of a member from each Presbytery, to make the necessary arrangements for the religious exercises during the continuance of the meeting; and that this arrangement, as soon as made, be announced by the Moderator to the Synod. *Adopted, November*, 1832.

6. *Resolved*, That it be the standing rule of Synod, that all the Presbyteries, in presenting their annual report to Synod, report the state of religion in the coloured part of the Congregation, and also

to present a statistical report of the increase of coloured members. *Adopted, December*, 1834.

7. *Resolved*, That Statistical Reports and Narratives, on the state of religion, from Presbyteries be the order of the day, as the first business on the second day of the session of Synod, and that this be a standing rule. *Adopted, November*, 1835.

8. *Resolved*, That the Clerks of Presbyteries be requested to furnish the Synod, at its opening, a complete list of their number, from which the Synodical roll shall be made out. *Adopted, November*, 1835.

9. *Resolved*, That as a standing rule, the Synod call upon its members at its regular sessions, to report their efforts in the Foreign Missionary cause, and the instruction of their Churches in the distinctive doctrines and discipline of the Presbyterian Church. *Adopted, November*, 1836.

10. *Resolved*, That hereafter, it be the standing rule of this body, that Churches not represented by a Ruling Elder, be regularly registered in the minutes as absent, precisely as in the case of Ministers. *Adopted, November*, 1846.

11. *Minute adopted*, 1848, *and re-affirmed, Nov.* 1849 and 1850.

"Whereas, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church plainly contemplates the presence in our Presbyteries and Synods, not only of the Ministers, but also of Ruling Elders, representing all the Churches within the same; and, whereas, this Synod, at its meeting in Charleston, in 1846, did specially enact that Churches not so represented, should be "regularly registered in the Minutes as absent, precisely as in the case of Ministers," with the evident design of bringing both to an equal account—this Synod would call the attention of Sessions of Churches to the very general neglect among us, both of constitutional rule and special law, on this subject. In examining the roll of the last Synod held at Columbia, it appears that, of the 95 Churches of this Synod, only 23 were represented at that meeting. The relative attendance from the different Presbyteries was as follows:

From the Presbytery of South Carolina, only 9 of its 40 Churches were represented; from the Presbytery of Bethel, only 3 of its 22 Churches; From the Presbytery of Harmony, only 8 of its 25 Churches; from the Presbytery of Charleston, within whose bound the Synod was sitting, only 3 of its 8 Churches; and that of the 72 Churches in all registered as absent, only one has rendered its excuse as directed. The Synod trusts that this simple statement of facts will speak more loudly to delinquent Sessions than either remonstrance or appeal, and the Synod accompanies the same with its solemn injunction, that all Sessions not represented at any meeting of Synod shall formally, as Sessions, render their reasons, either at the same or the following meeting."